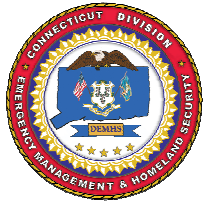




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DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY



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STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER – MONITORING

Long Duration Storm Expected from Thursday Morning into Friday Morning...

Winter Storm Warnings have been issued by the NWS for most of the state from Thursday Morning to Friday Morning. A Winter Storm Watch is in effect for New London and Southern Middlesex Counties. A low pressure system located along the Gulf coast today is forecast to move to the North Carolina Coast by Thursday morning and then slowly move up the East Coast Thursday Afternoon and Thursday Night departing to the Northeast Friday morning. On this track our area can expect a period of moderate to heavy snow Thursday morning, changing to a light to moderate mix Thursday afternoon and potentially back to moderate snow late Thursday Night. Here's the latest forecast.

Tonight...Increasing clouds with light snow developing between 2:00 - 4:00 AM. Lows in the upper teens to mid 20's.

Thursday...Snow, increasing in intensity during the morning rush hour with 1" - 2" of snow on roadways by 7:00 AM and 1" - 2" inches of additional snow during the morning rush hour. The snow is forecast to become heavy at times by 9:00 AM and continue thru the midday and into early Thursday afternoon. A rain/snow line is forecast to move from the Southeast Coast at 11:00 AM into the Hartford area by 3:00 PM and into the NW Hills by 5:00 PM. The precipitation intensity is forecast to drop back down to light to moderate by the start of the afternoon rush hour with a mix of rain, some freezing rain and sleet across most of the state during the afternoon rush hour. Temperatures are forecast to range from the upper 20's in Northern CT to the low 30's along the coast during the day. Northeast winds are forecast to gradually increase during the day reaching 20 - 25 MPH with gusts to 35 MPH by the afternoon rush hour.

Currently the impact on the morning rush hour is expected to be minor across Northern CT and moderate in Southern CT with a light to moderate snow cover on most roads. The impact on the afternoon rush hour is expected to be minor along the coast with slush on roads, moderate across most of the rest of the state, with a moderate snow cover to locally major in Northern CT near the MA border where some roads may be very slick and snow covered. The NE winds combined with the wet snow may result in a minor number of power outages.

Thursday Night...Mixed precipitation changing back to snow in Western CT around midnight and across the rest of the state by 4:00 AM. There will likely be another period of moderate to occasionally heavy snow across Western and Northern CT between midnight and 5:00 AM with several more inches of accumulation especially North and West of I-84. The snow is forecast to end completely by 6:00 AM on Friday. The impact on the Friday morning rush hour is forecast to be moderate with snow cover on most roads and some patches of black ice.

Total accumulations are expected to range from 5" - 8" along the coast, 8" - 12" across most of the state and up to 14" in the NW Hills.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will issue another update on this storm at 5:30 PM this afternoon.